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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Y. TAKAMOTO et al.  
Serial No.: 10/614,190  
Filed: July 8, 2003  
For: NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM  
Group: 2157  
Examiner: Ramy M. Osman

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**April 24, 2007**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 24, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.